

# The South Florida Water Management District LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS



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## In Your Region

### Year-Round Water Conservation In Effect

Year-round water conservation measures to better protect South Florida's water resources have taken effect throughout the South Florida Water Management District (District). The Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Conservation measures are designed to curb water use in South Florida — the highest in the state at an estimated 179 gallons per person per day. Outdoor irrigation accounts for up to half of all potable water produced within the region.

While many counties will be required to remain under the 2-day water schedule, the rule allows for three-day-a-week irrigation in counties south of Lake Okeechobee. Under the conservation measure, local governments across the region have the flexibility to adopt alternative landscape irrigation ordinances at their discretion.



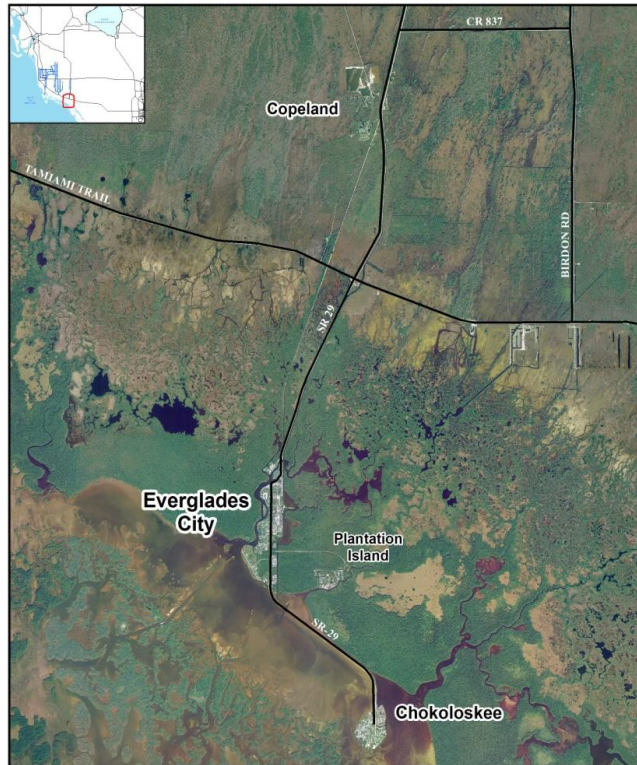
Collier County, City of Naples and Marco Island each have their own local ordinance that limits landscape irrigation to three days a week during **fewer hours than allowed by the District Rule.**

3-Day-a-Week Watering schedule in Collier County (including City of Naples and Marco Island)

- Residents and businesses with an **odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and/or **Saturdays, between midnight and 8 a.m.**
- Residents and businesses with an **even-numbered** street address, **no street address** or those that **irrigate both even and odd addresses** within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on **Tuesdays, Thursdays** and/or **Sundays, between midnight and 8 a.m.**

Remember to check with your city or county government to determine what restrictions are in place for other types of irrigation using reclaimed water and low-volume methods such as micro-irrigation, container watering and hand watering with a hose.

## Everglades City Water System Improvements

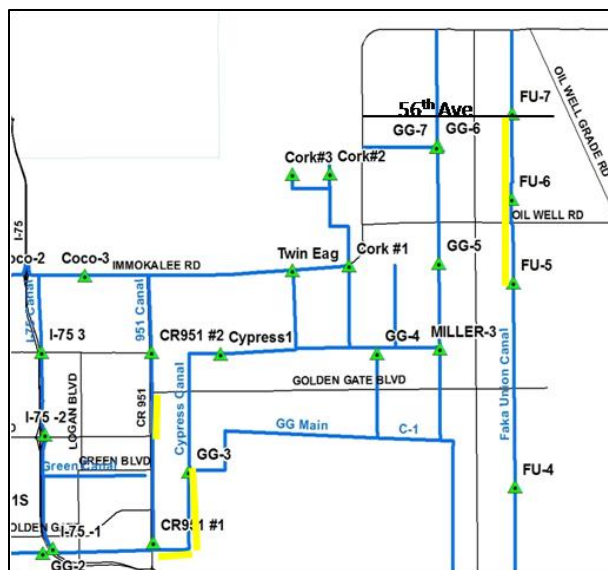


The Big Cypress Basin is partnering with Everglades City to make needed improvements to the city's potable water, wastewater and stormwater management infrastructure. Everglades City is concerned about the adequacy of its overall water management system to serve the public appropriately today and in the future.

The Big Cypress Basin, through its Local Government Assistance Program, provided funding to the city to hire Tetra Tech EC, Inc., to formulate an integrated master plan that includes an evaluation of the existing condition of the water management systems (potable water supply, waste/reuse water and storm water conveyance), identification of needs and deficiencies, and formulation of all recommended plan improvements to reduce cost and increase efficiency of the existing system. The project started on March 30 and is expected to be completed by July 2010.

Additionally, the master plan will include general information on current flooding issues within Everglades City and will serve as a long-term strategic planning document to guide the city in improvements of its water management infrastructures. It will help secure financial assistance from local, state and federal agencies.

## Canal Maintenance Activities



Low, flat areas depend on an interconnected drainage system to remove excess water after rain events and tropical storms. Vegetation along canal banks may ultimately end up in the canal and cause blockage around water control structures downstream. In turn, these obstructions prevent water from properly draining and could result in flooding that may endanger residents in the immediate area or those a few miles away.

As part of routine maintenance activities, the District is performing tree removal along the highlighted (see map) reaches of the Faka Union, Golden Gate Main and CR951 canals this spring to ensure the waterways are clear of vegetation for the next rainy season.

In addition, the District performs regular aquatic weed control to maintain the flood conveyance capacity of all of the primary canals in its jurisdiction. This project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

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## Progress on Golden Gate Weir #3

Contractor Thomas Marine Inc. has completed the primary foundation work and installation/testing of the spillway gates at the new water control structure Golden Gate Weir#3.

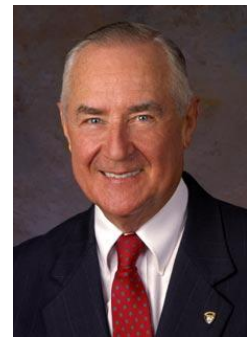
The project is on schedule and should be completed by the end of October. The structure will enhance flood conveyance capacity and provide additional storage for groundwater recharge.



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## Welcome our new Board member

On March 22, Governor Charlie Crist appointed John Vaughn to the Big Cypress Basin Board. Vaughn, who is affiliated with Coldwell Banker, succeeds Basin board member Liesa Priddy for a term ending in March 2013. A native of Lakeland, Florida, John relocated to Naples in 1959, holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Florida Southern College and has been selling real estate in Collier County since 1963. He is a member of the Golden Gate Estates Area Civic Association, Native Plant Society and a Charter Member of the Naples Botanical Garden. As a Florida native, he has a deep understanding and concern for Florida waters. Please join us in welcoming our new board member.



*John Vaughn*



*BCB Board members left to right:*

*Charles Dauray, Chairman; John Sore, Vice Chairman; Noah Standridge; Fred Thomas; and Pam Mac'Kie*

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## Out and About

- **Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting**  
April 30 at 9 a.m.  
City of Naples Council Chamber, 735 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, Naples
- **SFWMD Governing Board Workshop and Meeting**  
May 12 and 13



Blake Library, Martin County

- **Big Cypress Basin Administrative office Ribbon Cutting ceremony**  
May 26 at 10 a.m.  
2660 N. Horseshoe Drive
- **Big Cypress Basin Board Meeting**  
June 23 at 1 p.m.  
Collier County Board of Commissioner Chambers
- **SFWMD Governing Board Workshop and Meeting**  
June 9 and 10  
West Palm Beach